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1. Within the past few years the regional clearing centers (R.K.U.) have carried out on several occasions a registration of all doctors and assistant medical personnel with diplomas. All young doctors are drafted into the army immediately after receiving their diplomas and large numbers of them are compulsorily kept in the regular service. The most recent drafting into the army took place in May 1951 when about 150 young doctors from the comparatively small area of Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot were drafted in a single day, including some who had already completed their military service.
2. This step completely disorganized the medical services on the coast, and after complaints and numerous interventions about twenty per cent of that number were granted deferment for six months.
3. The tremendous stress laid on the extension and development of medical academies, nursing schools and schools of surgery (szkoly felczerskie) (the latter especially during the recent past) may obviously be due not only to the general shortage of medical experts in the civilian Health Service, but also to military considerations.
4. It was generally noted that the Polish Red Cross Health Week in 1951 launched very intensive propaganda for organizing "teams of health salvagers" in all places of employment; the results, on the coast at any rate, were exceedingly poor. The whole idea was generally interpreted as yet another instance of war preparations.

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